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NAVAIR Adopts Enterprise Resource Planning

NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND, Patuxent River, Md. -- The Naval Air Systems

Command has entered into a five-year blanket purchase agreement, with KPMG Consulting,

LLC, for the integration of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system built around SAP's

core ERP package.

Enterprise Resource Planning refers to commercially available business software solutions. ERP enables organizations such as NAVAIR to automate and integrate business processes while sharing common data and processes across the entire organization. In addition, ERP allows the organization to produce and access information in a near real-time environment, provide consistent information for timely decision-making, and track performance measurements.

NAVAIR's objectives of the ERP solution are to increase the value of output of its support to the mission of the Navy, to improve the decision-making at all levels, and to create potential integration beyond the boundaries of core NAVAIR business processes.

In working with KPMG Consulting, LLC, NAVAIR intends to demonstrate ERP's feasibility in a pilot program during fiscal years 2000-01. The team will deploy full ERP functionality over the remaining four years of the blanket purchase agreement.

The Naval Aviation Systems TEAM's unique mission, in partnership with industry, is to serve the Navy and the nation by developing, acquiring and supporting naval aeronautical and related systems with which the U.S. operating forces and allies can "train, fight and win".

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